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SUMMARY: SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT MOROCAAN MARCH INTO SPANISH SAHARA COULD PRODUCE ARMED CONFLICT. WHILE CONTINUING TO FAVOR MOROCCAN POSITION ON RIGHTS TO SPANISH SAHARA, SENEGAL IS TALKING WITH MOROCCAN OPPOSITION FIGURES AS WELL AS MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT IN EFFORT TO HELP AVERT HOSTILITIES. SENGHOR ALSO IS SEEKING UN SECGEN WALDHEIM'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING TALKS ON SPANISH SAHARA INVOLVING ALGERIA, TUNISIA AND
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SENEGAL AS WELL AS PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. FINALLY,

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SENGHOR URGES THAT US USE GOOD OFFICES TO PREVENT ARMED
HOSTILITIES IN MAGHREB WHICH COULD ENDANGER PROGRESS TOWARD
PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. END SUMMARY

1. DURING OCTOBER 21 MEETING WITH AID ADMINISTRATOR PARKER
AND AMBASSADOR, PRESIDENT SENGHOR OUTLINED SENEGALESE POSITION
AND INITIATIVES CONCERNING SPANISH SAHARA. HE SAID HE WAS
GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT MOROCCAN MOVE TO MARCH INTO SAHARA
BECAUSE SPANISH "LACKED SENSE OF HUMOR" TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY
TO SUCH INITIATIVE. HE FELT MOROCCAN ACTION COULD LEAD TO
OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IN AREA. SENGHOR EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT
SPANISH SAHARA PRIMARILY REPRESENTED MOROCCO VS. ALGERIA PROBLEM,
RATHER THAN PROBLEM BETWEEN MOROCCO AND SPAIN. SENGHOR SAID HE
AND PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA HAD BEEN TRYING SINCE JUNE TO WARD OFF
SERIOUS CONFLICT BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ALGERIA. HE THOUGHT
THAT CONFLICT COULD PERHPAS BE AVERTED THROUGH NEGOTIATING
PROCESS INVOLVING SENEGAL, TUNISIA AND ALGERIA ALONG WITH
COUNTRIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED (SPAIN, MOROCCO, MAURITANIA).
SENGHOR NOTED THAT BOTH ALGERIA AND TUNISIA HAD ACQUIRED
THEIR SHARES OF SAHARA DURING DECOLONIZATION PROCESS.
SENEGAL HAS BEEN URGING ALGERIA TO LET MOROCCO RECOVER ITS
SHARE OF SAHARA.

2. SENEGAL HAS TAKEN SEVERAL INITIATIVES IN CONNECTION WITH
SAHARA; ONE OF MOROCCAN OPPOSITION LEADERS WAS CURRENTLY IN
DAKAR AT SENGHOR'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS SAHARA. SENGHOR ALSO
PLANS TO STOP IN MOROCCO ON OCT. 25 ENROUTE TO MIDDLE EAST,
AND SAID HE WOULD LEAVE FOREIGN MINISTER SECK THERE FOR DISCUSSIONS
WITH ISTIGLAL LEADERSHIP. SENGHOR SAID ALTHOUGH THESE WERE
OPPOSITION PARTIES, THEY SUPPORTED KING HASSAN ON MARCH INTO
WESTERN SAHARA.

3. SENGHOR SAW SERIOUS POSSIBILITY THAT "PEACEFUL" MOROCCAN
MARCH INTO SAHARA COULD GET OUT OF HAND. HE HAD INSTRUCTED
GOS UN PERMREP FALL TO BRING HIS CONCERN TO ATTENTION OF
SECGEN WALDHEIM AND TO ASK IF MEETING COULD BE CALLED INVOLVING
MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, SPAIN, ALGERIA, TUNISIA AND SENEGAL.
SENGHOR FELT FIGHTING COULD BE AVOIDED IF TALKS GOT UNDERWAY.
MEANWHILE, HE HOPED US WOULD INTERVENE AND USE ITS GOOD OFFICES
TO PREVENT ARMED HOSTILITIES FROM BREAKING OUT IN MAGHREB.
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HE ARGUED THAT IF ARMED CONFLICT BROKE OUT IN RELATIVELY MODERATE
MAGHREB STATES, THIS COULD COMPROMISE PROGRESS MADE WITH
THEIR ASSISTANCE IN PRESERVING PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST.

4. PARKER AGREED THAT MODERATE ARABS IN MAGHREB HAD CONTRIBUTED
GREAT DEAL TO PRESERVING STABILITY IN MIDDLE EAST DURING
EMOTIONAL PERIOD. HE ALSO AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE
IF MODERATE ARABS BECOME INVOLVED IN ARMED CONFLICT AMONG THEMSELVES.

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HE ASSURED PRESIDENT SENGHOR THAT US WAS AWARE OF SENSITIVITY OF SITUATION IN WESTERN SAHARA. HE NOTED THAT THIS WAS PERIOD IN WHICH IT DIFFICULT FOR SPANISH TO HAVE "SENSE OF HUMOR" DUE TO OTHER PRESSING CONSIDERATIONS. MR. PARKER SAID HE WAS LEAVING IMMEDIATELY FOR WASHINGTON AND APPRECIATED HAVING RECEIVED IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S CONCERNS.

5. OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION DURING MEETING WITH PREISENT SENGHOR BEING REPORTED IN SEPTELS.
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